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TO: Mr. Ed Fox
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ed:

At our hearing on 16 March, Congressman Gilman asked about Radio Marti, and we have prepared an unclassified response for him.

Would you be kind enough to pass it along to him. We have also placed a copy in the transcript for the record.



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Question: What nations would be able to hear
Radio Marti?

Answer: Using the Voice of America station at Marathon Key as a model for Radio Marti signals it is likely that only the Bahamas and Cuba would be able to hear daytime groundwave signals from Marti. Nighttime skywave signals, however, could probably be heard throughout the Caribbean. Listenable signals might be heard as far south as Venezuela and Colombia. Audible signals will probably be heard more regularly at shorter ranges, e.g. Belize, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico and Nicaragua

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Monitoring stations at Key West can hear a Colombian and a Haitian station on 1040 KHz at night. Stations on 1040 KHz from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama can be heard at night from a monitoring site in Panama. Recognizing the excellent propagation conditions that occur at night most countries do not complain about nighttime interference unless the unwanted signals are unusually strong or troublesome. Radio Marti is not expected to cause major problems for these stations but this determination is often subjective and once Marti signals are on the air an individual nation could seek some accommodation from the US administration.

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